I want to know whether the Government are satisfied this plant that is latest in the model and is bound to give successful work.

Thd Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—That information that such plants have not proved successful, is itself not correct, I must say. These batteries have proved successful practically all over wherever they have been installed and this is one of the latest, on the success of which there need be no doubt.

Sri L. SIDDAPPA (Shimoga District—General).—If the Hon'ble friend has any doubts about the statement made about the success or otherwise of the battery, I would refer him to the article published...

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—It is not fair that I should be asked to admit a statement like that,

Sri L. SIDDAPPA.—It is giving him a suggestion that he may go through the entire literature in the matter.

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—That literature, of course, we have.

Sri M. GOVINDA REDDY.—Who is the technical expert whose opinion is ascertained with regard to the success of the plant?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—The Chemical Construction Company of New York are a well known concern. They are the people who have given us the Pilot Plant at Belagola and from experience we have known that that is a very useful and good plant, even though it is just a small tiny thing, of 5,000 or 6,000 tons capacity So, we have no doubt about the merits of the scheme itself.

Sri M. GOVINDA REDDY.—I was referring to advice in India. Was any Indian expert examined in this connection and his opinion ascertained?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—Our own experts have gone into the scheme and, as I said, the Government of India people have been coming and examining this of and on and they are all unanimous so far as the virtue of the scheme itself is concerned.

Sri M. GOVINDA REDDY.—Have we got the requisite technical staff to work this plant?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—Luckily for us, we have, because we have a Fertiliser Plant already, but more, if necessary, can be certainly got trained and there is provision for the training of our technical personnel.

Sri M. GOVINDA REDDY.—Is that staff Indian or foreign?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—The staff is bound to be Indian, but just at the intial stages we may have a few foreigners.

Sri M. GOVINDA REDDY.—Have the technical staff who have to work this plant worked any such plants before?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—Surely; it is only people who have full knowledge of the working of such plant that will be imported to run the concern for some time.

Government's investment in Hindustan Aircraft Factory.

*Q.—196. **Sri V. M. MASCARENHAS** (Retroceded Area—General).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the amount invested by them in the Hidustan Aircraft Factory,

(*b*) if any return has been realised by the Government so far; and if so, the amount?

*A.—**The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA** (Minister for Finance and Industries).—

(*a*) Rs. 58·33 lakhs (Rs. 25 lakhs in 1940-41 and Rs. 33 1/3 lakhs in 1947-48).

(*b*) Rs. 12·50 lakhs in 1942-43 and Rs. 1·75 lakhs has been allotted in the form of bonus shares for 1949-50 (year ended 31st March 1950).

Sri V. M. MASCARENHAS.—Am I right in saying that these Rs. 12·50 lakhs are a return on the investment?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—Yes, obviously.

Sri V. M. MASCARENHAS.—There is what is called 'return on the investment' as opposed to 'return of the investment.'

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—This is a return on the investment. It is not a question that it was declared at any one point. It was worked during the war as the Hon'ble Member knows. More or less it was a consolidated sum paid over to us because of our share in the Factory. It is not a question of one year's declaration.

Sri V. M. MASCARENHAS.—After that period, the Mysore Government have no material benefit from this concern?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—There you are. '1'75 lakhs of rupees' is the answer.

Sri V. M. MASCARENHAS.—We have been told that this Hindustan Aircraft Factory has been making very large sums of money as profit. Are there any special reasons as to why dividends are not regularly declared?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—I cannot answer for a different concern except with the information that is available to me as a share-holder. I must say that there is no such thing as its having large profits and not declaring dividends. That impression I must at once correct

Sri L. SIDDAPPA.—You are also Vice-Chairman?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—Yes.

Sri V. M. MASCARENHAS.—In the recent disturbances, from the labour standpoint, was it not made known to the public that the profits of this concern were rather huge and labour had a right in sharing them?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—That is not correct. It must be a very wrong impression that the profits were huge and yet they were not willing to declare dividends.

Sri G. A. ACHARYA (Bangalore District—General).—The Government have not invested in Hindustan Aircraft Factory merely for the sake of return?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—I do not know what they did. It is a national industry in Bangalore and probably more reasons than merely a question of return were responsible for our investing those funds.

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA (Shimoga District—General).—Was the sum of Rs. 12 lakhs and odd paid in cash?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—Yes.

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—May I know the strength of labour and the other staff working in the Aircraft Factory?

Mr. SPEAKER.—How does the question about labour and staff arise?

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—I came to know that the majority of staff and labourers are non-Mysoreans.

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—I may disabuse my friend from that impression. It is not correct that the majority are non-Mysoreans.

Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA.—Are the representatives of other Governments on the Directorate?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—The Industries Minister of Mysore for the present.

Sri G. VEERAPPA. (Chitaldrug District—General).—Have the Government of India invested any amount in the Factory?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—Ours is one-third; the Government of India two-thirds.

Sri G. VEERAPPA.—What is the part played by the Mysore Government in the matter of administration?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—There are three Directors including the Chairman and myself as one of the Directors and Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors. On the Board of Management we have again one of our representatives.

Sri G. VEERAPPA.—Do they hope to get any profit in the near future?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—We have certainly every hope and the Hon'ble Member must understand there is the income-tax which we could have been getting prior to the Integration.

Sri G. VEERAPPA.—Is it true that the Government of India want to completely take over the control of the Hindustan Aircraft Factory?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—None that I know of till now.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY (Kolar District—General).—Is it true that the Government of India have delegated the power to supervise and manage the whole factory to the Mysore Government?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—No.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—Are aeroplanes manufactured now in this Factory?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—Some of them.

Sri M. GOVINDA REDDY.—Is the allotment of bonus shares a realisation of the capital?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—It is a question of getting profit which is ploughed back to the industry.

Sri M. GOVINDA REDDY.—Is it a return?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—When our share of the capital increases without having to spend our own money it means a good enough return. It is as good as getting the dividend and reinvesting it.

Sri M. GOVINDA REDDY.—May I know the market value of these shares?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—They have not gone into the open market. So I cannot tell the Hon'ble Member what the share value is.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Chitaldrug District—General).—Is there any idea of the Government investing more money?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—I am not aware of any such idea.

Sri G. A. ACHARYA (Bangalore District—General).—What percentage of the total salaries is shared by local men?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—I want notice.

Sri L. SIDDAPPA (Shimoga District—General).—You say that there was a return of Rs. 12·50 lakhs. For what period is that?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—It is for the entire period. The total return which the Mysore Government got was split into two figures *i.e.*, 12·50 lakhs and Rs. 1·75 lakhs and nothing more.

Sri L. SIDDAPPA.—Can the Government tell me for what period the amount Rs. 12·50 lakhs refers to?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—I think it is for about two years.

Sri L. SIDDAPPA.—Is it not for 8 years?

The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA.—No.

Working of the Public Branch Section of the Mysore Government Insurance Department.

*Q.—202. **Sri B. HUTCHE GOWDA** (Tumkur District—General).—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) when the Public Branch Section was opened in the Mysore Government Insurance Department;

(b) the extent of business carried on so far and the number of policies issued;

(c) (i) the total amount of the policies in force;

(ii) the total amount of annual premiums;

(d) the total amount accumulated so far in the Insurance Fund;

(e) whether it has come to their notice that accounts are pending for years together;

(f) the steps taken by them for the efficient working of the Department and the result thereof?

*A.—**The Hon'ble Sri H. C. DASAPPA** (Minister for Finance and Industries).—

(a) 1916

(b) 132,109 policies for an assurance of Rs. 14,16,40,700 to the end of 1949-50.

(c) (i) About 96,000 policies for an assurance of Rs. 10,84,00,000 to the end of 1949-50.

(ii) About Rs. 42 lakhs per year.

(d) About Rs. 3 crores.

(e) No.

(f) The efficiency of the Department can be improved by the introduction of mechanised accounting and by providing more accommodation. Proposals are actively under consideration.